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TOPIC Airfield of WARSAW-BERNEROWO

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1. The construction of a new airfield was started at a former pasture and marshland near WARSAW-BERNEROWO (R 53/P 99) in December 1946. BERNEROWO is a small village in a spruce woods, about 2.5 miles from the city limits of WARSAW. Besides German PWs the following labor was assigned to work at the airfield: Three hundred civilians, a Polish construction battalion quartered in the fort, and a Polish labor service unit of about 2,000 men that worked there from May to November 1948. A Soviet colonel was in charge of the work. He was relieved by the Polish Colonel ZEGLTSCH in August 1947. The construction firm was named "Hydrotrest".

2. According to Polish workers, this field was to become one of the largest in Poland. The landing field was leveled, drained, and soiled. Drainage pipes were laid beside the runways. In January 1949 the north-south runway was completed and a section of the east-west runway had been given a layer of broken stones and was rolled. About 50,000 tons of cement were trucked to the airfield in March and April 1948 and stored in the two finished hangars, located on the eastern field border. The landing field and the runways were to be completed by the end of 1949. A section of the BERNEROWO-BIELANY (R 53/P 99) road was to be blocked for civilian traffic and was to become part of the landing field.

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3. A Polish pilot school was been located in the barracks southwest of the airfield since September 1948. These pilot students were given only theoretical instruction. The boiler-house equipment that was to be installed in the barracks had been dismantled in Germany. It was still stored in the open. Sections of dismantled German hangars, German trucks and engineer equipment were stored in an ordnance park which was surrounded by a barbed wire fence and guarded by a detail quartered in the Roma fort.

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